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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 8th/April, through Sunday, 15th/April there were 208 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B6, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D4, D6, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S0, S5, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TT, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, YB, YJ, YL, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, Z6, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3B7A ST. BRANDON ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. By the time you read this, teardown has begun and 6 team members have left the island. The 3B7A should be going QRT on April 17th. It was reported on April 14th, they had made +60,000 QSOs with only 8 operators for 9 days. QSL via F5CWU (direct or by the Bureau),vClubLog's OQRS or LoTW. For more information, see: http://www.saintbrandondx.com
Support them from their Web site: http://www.saintbrandondx.com/how-to-help-us
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Twitter .

3B9, RODRIGUES ISLAND. Members of the Association Réunionnaise des Radio Amateurs (ARRA)[FR4KM] Radio Club will be active as 3B9RUN from Rodrigues Island (AF-017) between May 11-16th. Operators mentioned are Jacky/FR4NP, Bruno/FR4PF, Emile/FR4PM, Jean/FR5CB and Bernard/FR5FC. Activity will be

on 80-10 meters using SSB and FT8. Equipment will be 2x Icom 7000 and 1x Kenwood TS480 with a 500w amp into a Hexbeam and a DX88 vertical. QSL via EA7FTR, direct or ClubLog. See QRZ.com for updates.

6Y, JAMAICA. Chris, VO1IDX, will be active as 6Y5IDX from Negril, Jamaica (NA-097), between April 29th and May 6th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign.

7P, LESOTHO. Bernie, ZS4TX, will once again be active as 7P8Z from Maseru (WW Loc. KG30vo) between April 27-28th. Activity will be on 2m EME. Planned operations are from Moonrise time 1440Z [First 3 degrees blocked by mountain range] on Friday the 27th until Moonset on Sunday 0340Z, 29th of April 2018. QSL via LoTW.

9H, MALTA. Thomas, SV2CLJ, will be active as 9H3SV from the QTH of Savas, 9H1AE, at Sliema, Malta (EU-023), between May 24-31st. Activity will be holiday style on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK and FT8. QSL via his home callsign direct.

9K, KUWAIT. Abdallah, 9K2GS, will be active as 9K2K during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 26-27th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via EC5AC or LoTW.

9X, RWANDA. Members of the Italian DX Team (IDT) are planning a DXpedition to Rwanda sometime between late September-early October this year. Callsign will be announced later, but they are seeking input for the needs for both bands and modes. DXers can take the survey at: http://www.i2ysb.com/idt

C8, MOZAMBIQUE. Members of the Lions DX Team will be active as C8T from Bilene-Macia, Gaza, Mozambique, between May 2-15th. Operators mentioned are Kurt/ON8KW (Team Leader), Roger/ON7TQ (Co-Leader), Bruno/CS7ABG (Co-Leader), Paulo/CU2CO, Emil/DL8JJ, Ron/ON1DX, Philippe/ON4ACP, Marc/ON4AMX, Erik/ON4CCV, Olivier/ON4EI, Herman/ON4QX, Ivo/ON5CD, Cis/ON6LY and Franky/ON7RU. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will also operate on 60m and 2m EME. QSL via ON1DX. QSL via ON1DX. For more details and update, see: https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com

CO, CUBA. The members of Group CW of Cuba (Jav/CO3JK, Rey/CO6RD and Oriol/CO8CY) will be active as CO3JK to celebrate the 93rd anniversary of Radioaficionados's International Union (IARU) between 0000-2359z, on 40 meters CW, on April 18th. QSL via CO3JK.

CQMMDX CONTEST. The CQMM DX Contest, organized by the Juiz de Fora CW Group , will be held on April 21-22nd. For more details, see: http://www.cqmmdx.com.

DXCC NEWS. Sharon Taratula, ARRL Awards Manager, states, "The ET7L contact still is not acceptable for DXCC credit."

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Bruce, WB7OTC, will be active as E51OTC from Rarotonga Island (OC-013), Aitutaki Island (OC-083) and Atiu Island (OC-083) between May 7-18th. Activity will be QRP on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS. Bob, NC6Q, will be active as E51NCQ from Rarotonga Island (OC-013) between May 13-25th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, with 100 watts and wire antennas. QSL via his home callsign.

E6, NIUE. The Quake DXpeditioners are pleased at announce that they will be activating Niue Island (E6) between October 6-16th. Callsign TBA. They will also be entering in the Oceania DX Contests (SSB & CW legs). Operators mentioned are Phil/ZL3PAH, Geoff/ZL3GA, Mark/ZL3AB and Paul/ZL4TT. QSL via ZL3PAH.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Walter, HB9XBG, will be active as FO/HB9XBG from Bora Bora Island (OC-067) between June 7-17th. Activity will be on 20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

FOC NEWS. Iain, M0PCB, FOC Activity Coordinator, informs: In May 2018 the First Class CW Operators Club, FOC, will be celebrating its 80th anniversary. Between May 1-31st, FOC members from around the world will be active on the bands with CW with special callsigns, many of them containing the number '80' or an 'FOC' suffix. Points will be awarded for working these special calls. The challenge is being run as a leader board on ClubLog, and your ranking in the leader board determines the award level you achieve. To see the full rules, a list of active stations and how to claim the award, please see: https://www.g4foc.org/foc80

GD6, ISLE OF MAN. Operators Billy/GM0OBX, Jonathan/MM0OKG, Adam/MM0KFX and Ross/MM0OBT will be active as GD6NX from Scarlett Point, Isle of Man (EU-116), during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Multi-Op/ Island-DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN (WWFF Op). Operators Marc/PD7YY, Marcel/PG8M and Lars/PH0NO [(members of the YNOMY DX Group) will be active as HB0/PG8M and HB0/PH0NO from several different WWFF nature reserves between May 12-13th. Activity will be on 80-2 meters using CW, SSB and possibly some Digital modes. QSL via PD7YY. For more details, see:
http://www.ynomy.nl/2018/03/ynomy-goes-hb0-wwff-expedition.html

IOTA NEWS.....

AF-065. A team of 20 Moroccan operators (CN) will use the special callsign 5C5AF from Mogador Island between April 17-22nd.

AS-047. Operators Tak/JR1LZK and Mitsu/JE1HXZ will be active as home-call/6 from Kita Daito Island between April 27th and May 7th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog

and LoTW.

EU-103. Operatros Pete/M1PTR, Tom/M0DCG and Kieron/EI6KP/M5KJM will be active as EJ6KP from Great Saltee Island, weather permitting, between April 17-19th. Activity will be on 40/20 meters SSB. QSL via the Bureau.

EU-120. Eddie, GM0KLS, will be active as G0LKS from Holy Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 28-29th) as a Single-Op/12-Hrs/ High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

NA-071. Operators Victor/HP1AVS, Henry/HP1CDW, Enrique/HP1ECA, Roberto/ HP1MRA, Romel/HP8MAK and HP1JCC will be active as 3F6IC from Cebaco Island between May 4-5th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using SSB and the Digital modes.

NA-155. Members of the TI DX Group will be active as TE6DX from Uvita Island between June 7-11th. Operators mentioned are Charlie/ TI2CDA, Carlos/TI2CC, Kamal/N3KS and possibly 2 or 3 more operators. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, FT8, RTTY and FM Satellites. QSL via TI2CDA, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

OC-015. Reminder that Tony, 3D2AG, will be active as T2AR from Funafuti Atoll, Tuvalu, between April 14-21st. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, including 60m, plus 2m meteor scatter. QSL via 3D2AG .

SA-090. Operators Luis/YV5ENI, Esteban/YV5DTA and Jesus/YV5MI were active as YW6X from Piritu Islands (ARLHS VEN-016, WLOTA L-202) QSL via YV5ENI.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

KH1/KH7Z BAKER ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Press Release, dated April 11th).

The 2018 DXpedition to Baker Island is proud to announce the addition of Neil King, VA7DX to our team.

Neil was first licensed in 1979 as VE7CVM, attained his advanced certification in 1980 and acquired the call VA7DX in late 1999.

An avid HF, VHF and UHF contester, Neil has also dabbled in meteor scatter, EME, tropo and satellite operation.

Neil has had the opportunity to visit and operate from 3DA0, 7P8, VU7, TX5C, JT1, K5D, HK0, C9, A25, FT5ZM, 7Q7, A35, and TX5T.

KH1 is the 6th most wanted entity. Our plans are to bring the KH1 entity to as many operators, and countries as we can.

As with any DXpedition to the really rare ones, this will be another large budget operation. The operator team will contribute over 50% of

the expected budget of $400,000. You can help make this DXpedition happen by visiting our website, and contributing today.

http://www.baker2018.net/pages/donate.html

With two months to go before we board our ship in American Samoa, we thank you in advance for your support.

The Baker Island 2018 Team

KH9, WAKE ISLAND (Update). Philip, N7NVK, now active as KH9/N7NVK, reported on QRZ.com this past week 0n April 13th: "I am now on Wake Is. I am working out the logistics to get on the air this coming weekend (20 meters SSB) in the neighborhood of 14.225 split, listening up 5kc. Saturday the 14th (USA) at 2200 UTC. Hope the bands are favarable."

OT70, BELGIUM (Special Event). Look for special event station OT70NOL to be active on various bands using CW and SSB, between May 1-31st. Activity is to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the UBA. A special QSL will be available.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 16-22nd).....

Apr/16th AN	Apr/19th HN	Apr/21st HN
Apr/17th AN	Apr/20th AN	Apr/22nd HN
Apr/18th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEB SITE :
The purpose of this experimental Web site is to provide 24-7-365 actual (REALTIME) band condition information to CW QRPp, QRPe and CW/SSB for Contesters interested in increasing their scores. It can also be of benefit to other Radio Amateurs to determine band conditions for Nets and casual QSO's. This information is NOT based on any software predictions or any kind of satellite based readings. It is based on a new Ionospheric sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Also, check out the VOACAP predication Web page at:

http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html

A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:

https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm

Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF [April 15th]

9A/S52DG/P via S52DG	ER/DL7VBJ via DL7VBJ	R1CC via DJ1ND
9H1XT via 9H1XT (d/L)	ES9C via ES5RY (d)	RJ1O via RZ1O & (L)
9H3HI via EU4CK(B);DL7VFM (d)	HA9HAF9A via HA5CBM	SV8/SV1CEI via SV1CEI
C7A via UA3DX	HC2AO via RC5A	T88UW via JH7IPR & (L)
CR2EME via DL9MS (d)	HG8ARDF via HA8BE	UP0L via DL8KAC
CR5VISO via CT1EIS	HH2AA via NR6M & (L)	UP57GC via UN0GWL
CT8/DD5DD via OK8ZZ	HV0A via IK0FVC	V31GS via K9GS
CT8/OK4MM via OK4MM	IB2RT via I2MYF	VD105A via VO1NAR
CX5A via CX2ABC	IR9Z via IT9VCE	W4R via W4RKC & (L)
EE8K via EA8AV	K5V via N2GG (d)	YB0/JA1PBV via JA1PBV
EG1MOP via EA1AUM	LZ362ME via LZ1KCP	YB0/JQ1LCW via JQ1LCW
EG5WRD via EG5WRD (d/L/e)	OE100WMA via OE3WMA	YQ69MSCC via YO2MKI
EI0NMMI via EI6AL	OE100XWI via OE7XWI (B)	YT100SF via YU1SRS
EM915Q via UR6QS	OL9R via OK6RA (d)	ZB2RAF via G8FC
EP7AHN via EP7AHN (e)	PJ5/AI5P via AI5P	
ER/DL7UCX via DL7UCX	R108M via RK3LC	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/3B7A (Log is now being updated)
https://clublog.org/logsearch/OY1OF (As well as LoTW)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3B9FR, 3W9CI, 5A1AL, 5B4AMM, 5T2AI, 6Y5SGD, 9Y4DA, AH3C, CA3SOC, EA4GWU, EB3JT, F5LML, HA7XC, JA1DOT, JA8BNP, JE1GGI, JI1ANI, KG4USN, OE3EPW, ON8BB, OS8A, OT9A, OZ0MJ, PY2TTE, SU9IG, SV2DFK, UA0CW, VA7XW/VE2 (NA-038), VE3RCN, VE3TCV, VE9IQ, XE1/N4DMH, XX9B, ZL2IFB and ZP6ARO

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3G9A/MM, 9M6AAC, A5A, HB0/GM4UYE, SV2ASP/a, TI5/N4YDU and V31MA

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!!!

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Operators Chris/G3SVL, Nigel/G3TXF, David/G3WGN, Mike/G3WPH and Tony/G2NF (all 6Gs Group members) will be active as VK9XG from Christmas Island between October 16-30th. QSL via G3TXF. Full logs will be uploaded to LoTW during the operation. PLEASE NOTE: The callsign VK9XG is being reissued: if you worked VK9XG in 2006 or earlier, please QSL (direct only) to Charlie, W0YG, with 2.00 USDs and SAE.

Z6, KOSOVO. A group of Czech operators will be active as Z66D until April 22nd. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8 with several stations active. Operators mentioned are Petr/OK1BOA, Palo/OK1CRM, David/OK6DJ, Ruda/OK2ZA, Karel/OK2ZI and Ludek/OK2ZC. QSL via OK6DJ, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW.

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